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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BRAZILIAN MOVE AGAINST FOREIGN
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1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE U.S. PUBLISHING INDUSTRY INFORMING IT THAT A MR. BLUCHER OF EDITORA EDGARD IN SAO PAULO PLANS TO HAVE A BILL INTRODUCED DESIGNED TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE OWNERSHIP OF PUBLISHING HOUSES BY FOREIGN COMPANIES. THE BILL WOULD DEFINE "NATIONAL COMPANIES" AS THOSE 100 PERCENT BRAZILIAN OWNED AND ENTITLE ONLY THOSE COMPANIES TO CERTAIN TAX AND OTHER BENEFITS. SEVERAL US PUBLISHERS HAVE COMPANIES EITHER WHOLLY OR PARTLY OWNED IN BRAZIL.

2. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE DISCREETLY THE STATUS OF THIS BILL. PLEASE OBTAIN, IF POSSIBLE, AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION AND FORWARD IT TO EB/CSB/BP. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE TELEGRAPHIC REPORT ON RESULTS OF EMBASSY'S INVESTIGATION. SISCO

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